(c) what action has been taken or propose to be taken against those responsible for this miserable state of affairs of the NCCF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The National Consumers' Cooperative Federation of India Limited has incurred losses of Rs. 1.20 crores and Rs. 2.54 crores during the cooperative years 1983-84 and 1984-85 respectively, and the accumulated loss as on 30.6.86 amounted to Rs.. 3.74 crores. The accounts for the Cooperative Year 1985-86 are yet to be finalised.

NCCF has reported that dues from the State Level Consumers Cooperative Federations for more than one year against the supply of Controlled Cloth is approximately Rs. 1.21 crores.

(b) Government of India have from time to time reviewed the working of NCCF and impressed upon its management to expand and diversify Its business activities, reduce the disproportionately high expenditure, improve the financial liquidity by speedy recovery of outstanding dues, expeditious disposal of the cases of irregularities against its employees etc. In view of unsatisfactory performance and bad financial health of the Organisation, the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies has issued a show-cause notice on the NCCF for supersession of its Board.

(c) Ten Officers, against whom *prima facie* cases of corruption and irregularities were found, have been placed under suspension by the NCCF pending further investigation.

Selection of Tenure posts in the Ministry of Agriculture

3405. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had received serious complaints from any quarters over the procedures adopted for the selection of officials for certain tenure posts in the Ministry of Agriculture including that of the posts of Animal Husbandry Commissioner etc.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government have not notified the prescribed qualifications for the candidates for A.H.C.;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) action being proposed to be taken in this regard so that right persons could be inducted to improve the efficiency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Some complaints have been received.

(b) and (c) In accordance with the recruitment rules the post of Animal Husbandry Commissioner is to be filled by transfer on deputation (including short-term contract) of officers of the status of Director of Animal Husbandry or Veterinary Services or Milk Commissionr of the State Governments or officers holding posts in the Central or State Governments including Union Territories/Indian Council of Agricultural Research/Agricultural Universities, Public Corporations, Semi-Government Organisations and Recognised Research Institutions, and Autonomous Bodies carrying equivalent or higher status with atleast 20 years experience in the discipline of Animal Husbandry/Veterinary Science/Livestock Production/Dairying out of which at least 12 years service should be in Group 'A'.

(a) Does not arise, as apopintment to the post of Animal Husbandry Commissioner has been made in accordance with the recruitment rules.